

INDIA, Gonda, United Provinces. Is sending seed of Papaya. Says this is an excellent fruit and almost constant in its production. It will stand as much frost as an orange tree. It prefers a fairly moist soil. Says those from Bangalore are the best and he will send seed of them later.

INDIA, Poona, Bombay Presidency. Will send specimens and seeds of a grass used there for thatching roofs. Its vernacular name is Surad. Botanical name *Andropogon Schoenanthus*.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, Manila. Wm. S. Lyon, May 20. Can send *Diospyros discolor* in October or November. Will send *Caesalpinia nagua* in about a month.

SPAIN, Valencia. Chas. Winans, May 14. Sends a report regarding the cultivation, production and uses of chufa (*Cyperus esculentis*), so much employed for the manufacture of ices or 'Horchatas' all over Spain.

TURKEY, Erzroom. Robert Stapleton, May 25. Thinks that *Medicago papillosa* is abundant there. Will watch for it and send in season.

RECENT VISITORS.

CHILE. Mr. Andrew Kerr, American Consular Agent, Coquimbo, Chile and Frederico Eggers, Osorno, Chile. Mr. Eggers lives in the southern part of Valdivia. He thinks that the quila (*Chusquea quila*) is hardly worth cultivating. They use it as a cover for their cattle in winter and the animals fatten on it remarkably just as they do in our canebrakes. 10,000 animals starved to death in South Chile because this bamboo seeded everywhere and then died. These men will be in American for some time and are interested in many practical problems of agriculture.

CHINA, Shanghai. Mr. D. McGregor. He is in charge of parks and open spaces in Shanghai and is familiar with the problems of Chinese ornamental plants.

ISLE OF PINES. Dr. Ramsdel. Has 12 living mangosteen trees, 2 feet high with 4 to 6 branches. They are planted in a swampy hollow. These plants were sent to him in 1905-06. Has 2 plants of *Garcinia morella* which are ten feet high and growing finely. Thinks this morella will be as easy to grow as the mango and much easier than the mangosteen..

ISLE OF PINES. J.L. Percy. A special experimenter with tropical fruits.